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Flu keeps hospitals busy

by Ariel White

Haliburton County has been struck by the flu bug this holiday season, and staff at both the Minden and Haliburton hospitals have felt its effects.

"Our numbers have doubled over last year. Our beds have been kept full and it's been horrendous," said Denise Northey, charge nurse at the Minden Hospital. Extra staff has been working to handle the flu crunch, and although doctors and nurses are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, the past few weeks have been tremendously busy. The new on-call system, for nurses, has been put to the test in the last few days, as the on-call person has been shared by both hospitals.

Lynne Johnston, of the Haliburton Hospital, said that things have been equally busy at that facility. On January 3, staff saw 60 patients, with two-thirds of them having flu-like symptoms, including chills, myalgia, headaches, weakness, coughs and others. "Everything was backing up. Our beds were full most of the time," said Johnston. As well, because of the large numbers, patients had to wait on test results, for long periods of time.

Denise Northey recommended that if symptoms are not serious, people may have a shorter wait if they can get an appointment with their own physicians, which would also allow those with more serious symptoms to have faster access. This might not be possible, with few doctors, and such a large number of flu sufferers.

A flu shot in October or November may have been the answer for many flu sufferers, but according to Sharon Thompson, director of communicable diseases for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, there is still time to get the shot, before the end of flu season. "If everyone had their shot, this would not be happening," said Thompson. "We are well past outbreak at this point." She noted that it could take up to two weeks after

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HOUSE DESTROYED: Fire Chief Bill Hogg reports that a cause has not been determined for the fire that destroyed a home on Scotch Line Road East on New Year's eve. Fourteen members of the Minden Fire Department, including Captain Doug Schell, above, responded to the call at about 7:35 p.m. at the home of Brian and Lucy Gray. The couple was out of town when the fire started.

Arsenic contaminated soil removed from Allsaw Hydro site

The Ontario Hydro Service Company has removed some 5,500 tonnes (3,500 cubic metres) of arsenic contaminated soil from the Minden Transformer Station on the Allsaw flats. The removal of the soil has been taking place during the past month with large trucks carrying the material to the Phillips Environmental Landfill site in Hamilton.

According to Kurt Rogers, environmental specialist for Ontario Hydro Service Company's Georgian Bay District, the removal is all but completed. Rogers explained that the contamination was discovered after the service company (one of several divisions of the former Ontario Hydro) undertook an assessment of its facilities throughout the province. "This was a pro-active, voluntary assessment," Roger said.

During the assessment, it came to

light that there were elevated levels of arsenic in the soil within the station site and on a neighbouring property. He said the soil sampling on the site revealed locations where arsenic levels were, "...several hundreds parts per million," (ppm). He said the assessment also found oil staining and elevated oil levels at the end of a drainage pipe.

Rogers explained that according to Ministry of Environment guidelines, the acceptable level for agricultural and park use areas, where potable water is drawn from wells, is 20 ppm. He also noted that since arsenic is a naturally occurring element in the environment, there is a normal "background level" of eight to 12 ppm.

"We tested our wells and those of nearby property owners," he said and were satisfied with the results. The testing was done with approval of the

adjacent property owners. "There was no (well) water contamination," he said.

Rogers said there was also concern about possible PCB contamination at the site. The Minden Transformer Station was an approved PCB storage site. He said there was no evidence of PCB contamination in the area and the station is no longer used for that purpose. "All the PCBs have been removed and taken to Swan Hills Alberta for destruction."

During the removal of the arsenic contaminated soil, the Ministry of Environment (MOE), Health Unit and municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden were informed of the problem. The health agency and MOE monitored the testing and clean-up. "It was carried out according to Ministry of Environment standards," Rogers said.

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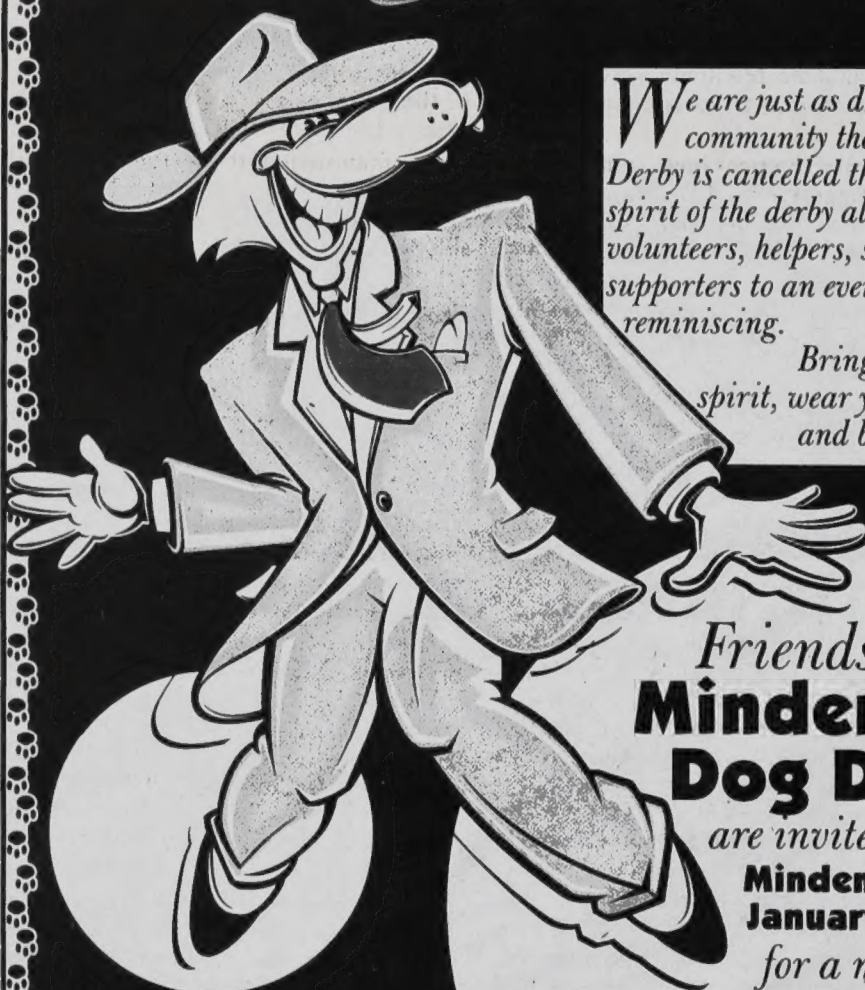
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Art Ward, right, of the Lake Kashagawigamog Tourist Association, presents Managing Director of the Health Services Foundation, Dale Walker, with a cheque for \$1,000. Also on hand were Dennis Casey of the association, and Gord Monk, left, chair of the Health Services Foundation Board. The Lake Kashagawigamog Tourist Association is organized by the many tourist-oriented businesses on the lake, and although it is a group that has been quiet for several years, it still represents the members when important issues affect the lake and surrounding area.



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Public supports work of amalgamation committee

An uphill battle looms for the Bexley, Laxton, Digby, Longford and Somerville amalgamation committee, with the impending dispute between it and the newly appointed provincial restructuring commissioner Harry Kitchen.

Despite that, public response seems to indicate unified support for the group's efforts. The committee held three public meetings January 8, to hear what ratepayers and concerned residents had to say about the amalgamation process.

Committee chair Gary Laplante opened the first meeting in Coboconk by outlining the committee's efforts to date, as well as the impact of the commissioner's presence. The three municipalities have been in discussion for two and half years about sharing services, such as fire and roads. The committee was struck as, "...necessitated by the pressure from Queen's Park," according to Laplante, to help organize a local restructuring answer.

He noted the three municipalities, and committee, would meet with the commissioner today, (January 10) in Fenelon Falls, to discuss the options and to try to convince him that a local solution to restructuring is the best solution.

It was reported that the commissioner has promised to have a draft proposal prepared by February 7, with scenarios for both one and two tier forms of municipal government for Victoria County. There will then be a 30 day period in which the public is invited to comment, as well as one or two possible meetings, where delegations will be heard. The final report is to be released by March 31, and is legally binding.

Bexley Reeve Fred Brecht, told the sizeable crowd that the committee felt Bexley, LDL and Somerville had a positive relationship and already shared many services, lifestyles and activities. "We have a community of interest and a community of interaction. It is not based on dollars and cents, but hopefully those will fall out," said Brecht. "It seems to make sense that the representation should cover that area."

The public was invited to submit questions and comments to the committee to get an indication of

what ratepayers wanted out of the process. Among the comments were:

• **Relaying information to seasonal residents** - It was suggested to the committee that a letter and information be sent out to each ratepayer in the three townships to inform everyone as to what is going on. All three Reeves felt this was an excellent idea. Information would also be available at the municipal offices.

• **Direction on correspondence in support of the committee** - The committee was asked to give some direction to those in favour of the local restructuring solution, as to what might be included in letters to the commissioner. It was felt that a unified voice would be a more effective expression of the public's feelings. Fred Brecht felt that ratepayers, should ask themselves if they believe in a one or two tier system and what is the most effective representation for the taxpayer. He also reported that in Bexley Township, the cost of the municipal council for each taxpayer is 3¢ per day. Dianne Austin stated that it would be an asset to advocate a "made in Victoria County" solution, as well as the fact that while the northern townships of Victoria County have strived to make restructuring decisions, the municipalities to the south have been lax in their efforts. "Northern Victoria is being penalized," said Austin. She also noted that financial information from the accounting firm that represents all three municipalities outlined the possibility of a small tax reduction in Somerville and significant savings in the other two municipalities.

• **Is this an exercise in futility?** - Several people asked if this entire process was worth the effort and expense as the commissioner's final word was binding. Chair Laplante quipped, "If you don't say anything, you don't have the right to grumble." A show of hands indicated support for the work of the committee at the conclusion of the Coboconk meeting. There was consensus that the work was not in vain. At the following meeting in Norland, Brecht replied that he felt their work would fall on deaf ears, but that there was value in the effort and struggle.

• **Why wasn't a representative from the province invited to provide a different perspective?** - LDL Councillor Peter White told the crowd that he had contacted the local representative from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing but that he was told that as a commissioner had been appointed, this group would not be provided with a representative, or any information from the ministry at this point.

• **Does the entire committee support a two-tier system?** - This question was put to the members of the committee and LDL Reeve John Macklem replied that he was in favour of a one-tier solution for Victoria

County. However, he noted that his council had voted to support the amalgamation committee, so in dealings with the committee and the commissioner, he would represent the views of the public and his council.

• **What happens to services, equipment, property and reserve funds?** - The committee stated in its draft proposal that all buildings and equipment would belong to the municipality as a whole as of April 1, 2000. Reserve funds, however, would be used solely for their original intended purposes. Other subjects, such as staffing, office location and services would be addressed in the future by the transition council.

Ratepayers at the Coboconk meeting had many questions. However, it was obvious from their reactions that they wanted the committee to voice the ratepayers' dismay. Similar questions were raised later in the day at meetings in Norland and Burnt River.

Further committee meetings have been scheduled for January 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the LDL Municipal office, and January 15 at 10 a.m. at the Somerville Municipal office. The meetings are open to the public. Delegations will be given opportunity to speak with the committee members.

Contaminated soil

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The spokesman said the contamination could be traced to the use of an arsenic-trioxide herbicide which was used between the 1940's and 1960's. The compound was sprayed on the gravel areas under the transformers to eliminate plant growth.

As part of the rehabilitation process, an oil/water interceptor system was installed to capture any additional contamination, Rogers explained. The station had been plagued with poor drainage and the new drainage system with the interceptor should end that problem.

He said that the installation of the drainage system required excavation under the transformers and, since the soil was contaminated, it was removed to an approved site in Hamilton.

As well, an adjacent piece of property, described as a swampy area, was purchased from the owners. Rogers said this area also had elevated levels of arsenic. "We did a site-specific risk assessment of areas outside the chain link fence," (which surrounds the station site) and found the a contaminated area located under the power line.

He said that having purchased the property, the electrical service company will continue to monitor the arsenic levels both inside and outside the fence.

Flu season is here

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receiving a shot, to build up an immunity to the flu and the flu season will probably be a lengthier one than recent years.

This season, according to Thompson, staff and residents of the area's nursing and retirement homes have been immunized. The elderly are considered to be a high risk group, when it comes to the flu, as it can lead to other more serious and sometimes fatal conditions.

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Weather conditions blamed for accidents

The following information was compiled by the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

Over the past month, OPP has responded to dozens of car, truck, and snowmobile accidents, within Haliburton County. In December, there were 67 motor vehicle collisions, resulting in three fatalities and 20 people injured. A large number of these accidents involved only one vehicle. Of these incidents, 53 included reportable property damage, but only three involved alcohol.

In January, there have already been a number of single vehicle collisions in the area, including one snowmobile crash on January 3 on Kawagama Lake Road, near Dorset. As well, a two snowmobile collision occurred the following day in Monmouth Township, on the Paudash Trail System.

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment participated in the RIDE program. In the month of December, OPP officers stopped 1218 vehicles. As a result, seven 12 hour suspensions and two administrative license suspensions were issued and two impaired drivers were detected.

The majority of the collisions in Haliburton County during the winter months involve single vehicles and non-impaired drivers. Police advise motorists to remember that road conditions can be hazardous. Reduce your speed and allow extra time to get to your destination.

Break & enters

On December 30, police investigated a theft on Kushog Lake Road in Stanhope Township. Stolen from the cottage was

a portion of a Mercury outboard motor, which was being stored on a boat outside the building.

The following day, police looked into a theft at a cottage on Bat Lake Road. The cottage shed had been broken into sometime during the previous four weeks. Stolen from the site were, a Stihl chainsaw, various hand tools, two micro heaters, a toolbox and a gas powered Turf Trim weed eater.

On January 2, police investigated the theft of a snowmobile trailer from a cottage sometime during the previous two weeks. The license plate of the trailer is 14826F.

Assault charge

On January 4, OPP responded to a call at 4 a.m., at a residence on Burleigh Road in Monmouth Township.

Officers went to the residence after receiving a call from a 40 year-old female who advised that her common-law partner had just assaulted her.

A 42 year-old male was arrested and charged with two counts of assault causing bodily harm, uttering death threats, and three counts of careless storage of a firearm. The woman sustained minor injuries as a result of the assault.

Officers also seized several long guns found at the residence.

Impaired driver

The OPP charged a 58 year-old Dysart man with impaired driving January 6, at around 10:30 p.m.

While on routine patrol in the Village of Haliburton, an officer observed a vehicle crossing the centre line of the road several times. He pulled the vehicle over on Highland Street.

John Smith, 58, of

Dysart, was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and having a blood alcohol level above the legal limit. Smith was later released and will appear in Minden Court on February 2.

From the desk of Staff Sergeant Bob Walli

We at Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Looking back on 1999, as a detachment, we had a number of exciting changes that took place.

On July first, Minden/Coboconk OPP became the Haliburton Highlands OPP, and emerged as a stand-alone detachment, encompassing most of Haliburton County.

On July ninth, the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, Gwen Boniface, along with MPP Chris Hodgson and Lutterworth Reeve Jim McMahon, joined myself and other members of the community and OPP in a re-naming ceremony. On that day, our new sign was unveiled and the detachment was officially titled Haliburton Highlands.

In 1999, we also gained three new Sergeants, making a total of four. Our office now consists of twenty-two constables, including three detectives, two stenographers and one cadet.

During the year 2000, we hope to further our involvement in the community, by continuing our work with Community Policing groups, service clubs, schools, the Vic-

tim Crisis Referral Service, as well as with other groups operating in Haliburton County.

We hope to continue our partnership with the community through special events and activities. As well we will continue our commitment to keep the residents of Haliburton County safe and secure within our community.

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Car fire leads to charges in Somerville

A 35 year-old Verulam Township woman was charged with having a blood/alcohol level, above the legal limit, after a car fire in Somerville Township.

On January 6, at around 7 p.m., the Victoria County OPP was advised of a vehicle fire on River Road in Somerville Township. Officers went to the scene of the burnt-out vehicle and interviewed the passengers, a child and an adult male. The police

then talked with the driver. Police say it was evident that she had consumed alcohol prior to the conversation.

Teresa Hare, 35, was arrested and charged with having more than 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 ml of blood.

Hare was released on a promise to appear before Lindsay Court on January 27.

New species added to Christmas Bird Count list

by Dennis Barry

Despite a poor crop of cones and most other wild food, this year's Christmas bird count produced a record number of species, although the number of individuals of certain species was low.

On December 18, 47 species of birds were spotted by 13 observers "in the field" and 53 other folks reporting the birds in their yards and neighbourhoods. Three other species were reported during county week for a total of 50. New for the count were three greater scaup on Gull Lake on December 16, an Iceland gull at the Minden dump for most of the week, a snowy owl perched on a satellite dish and a wild turkey visiting a feeder early every morning.

Cold temperatures on December 18 caused smaller lakes to freeze but left larger lakes still open, resulting in a high count of waterfowl for the second year in a row. Exciting finds were seven red breasted mergansers on Lake Kashagawigamog, two drake bufflehead on Gull Lake, and a record total of at least nine common loons from several lakes. Canada geese, which first appeared on the count in 1988, continue to increase in numbers, as do mourning doves, which were first recorded in 1982.

Winter finches were in very small numbers due to the poor cone crop, the exception being evening grosbeaks, mostly bright yellow, black

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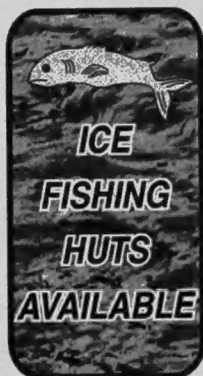
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Something's missing

There is definitely a different mood in the community as we slide into the middle of January. The Christmas celebrations are behind us and the world seems to have passed into the new year/century/millennium without any major glitches. (We acknowledge that there are more than a few who suggest the new millennium is still 356 days away, but we'll leave that the pot unstirred.) However, we have noticed that something seems to be missing in the Highlands.

Usually, at this point in the new year, the community is abuzz with talk about the annual Minden Sled Dog

Derby. The event, which would have been held this coming weekend, has been a fifteen year tradition in Minden and a much anticipated winter festival. This newspaper and writer have been closely involved with the development of the event over the years and it is not without a deep feeling of regret that we note the lack of banners, posters and the usual frenzied preparations that follow hard on the heels of the Christmas break. There is little doubt that there will be many in the area who will miss the excitement this signature event brought to town. In many ways, the races helped to

bring the community together as hundreds of volunteers stepped out into the chilly blasts to make it happen. In addition to providing a much needed economic shot in the arm, the races generated a great deal of community pride and certainly helped to put Minden and the Highlands of Haliburton 'on the map'.

So, while the organizers are providing a celebration January 22 to ensure the occasion does not slip by unmarked, there is still something missing in this year's winter. Hopefully the same void that will not be felt next year.

jb

Enhancing the Kabakwa Lake fishery and the access

The following letter was originally sent to the council of the Township of Stanhope:

In regard to recent letters to the council concerning access to Kabakwa Lake, some points need to be clarified.

Kabakwa is a put-grow and take lake. This means that Lake and Rainbow Trout do not reproduce on their own. However, the lake will sustain trout that are stocked. The Ministry of Natural Resources has stocked Kabakwa Lake since 1947. The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) has recently stocked it for the last two years. Our association will stock lakes as directed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The HHOA is working with the Ministry of Natural Resources to re-establish the Haliburton Glacial Relic Lake Trout in a number of lakes where they will reproduce naturally. To help achieve this goal, we are trying to make alternative opportunities available to anglers. This is in the form of better access to some lakes or fishing for different species such as bass or wall-eye.

Kabakwa is a Crown water body with

unsafe access. The site at Kabakwa we realize is unsuitable for a boat ramp. If, in building a parking area, an area could be built where one could back a small trailer to the water edge, it would be far more appreciated than the goat trail down over the existing rock fill.

The HHOA is a special interest group's 350 members. We have "Special" interest in the ecology, protecting and enhancing the fish and wildlife of the Haliburton area. It is for the benefit of all whether they are naturalists, anglers or even students, who use our programs for education purposes.

There are other special interest groups that have only one interest. They only become involved or concerned when they feel something might change near their backyard. It is unfortunate that these groups become most vocal.

The HHOA appreciates council's efforts in helping to re-establish our unique glacial relic to the Haliburton area.

Larry Hewitt, President, Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Looking for peace and quiet

Editor:

Please note that we have received a letter advising that the township wants to add a public access on Shangri-la Road. (to Kabakwa Lake)

We purchased our cottage in June 1998. We chose the lake as it is quiet. We do have three children, and do not wish any liability hazards on the lake when they are swimming.

We also do not want the lake to become busy, and noisy. We drive two and a half hours to go to the cottage for peace and quiet.

Lori Darose and Edward Galati
Mississauga

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Rolling on for Little Brothers and Sisters

- submitted by Big Brothers/Sisters of Haliburton-Victoria -

Dust off those old bowling shoes. It's time again to hit the lanes for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton's annual fund-raising campaign.

Players receive one and a half hours of free bowling in exchange for collecting pledges on behalf of Big Brothers and Big Sisters - an easy compromise by any standard.

The more participants the merrier and all proceeds go to a good cause - the youth of our community. What could be more important?

"And guess what? You don't have to be a good bowler. Just a person interested in helping the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Association. No scores are recorded. It is pure fun for a good cause," said Cathie Hawery, committee chairperson.

In addition, this year's event has been re-named, "Bowl for Kids Sake with a Fifties Twist" to help celebrate the agency's 20th anniversary. Fifties music will be played throughout the evening and participants are being

encouraged to come dressed in their best fifties attire. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes.

The Celebrity Bowl event at the County Bowling Centre, in Minden, is set for February 27. Bowling kicks off at noon. Businesses can register more than one team in the annual event.

Other Bowl for Kids Sake events will be held in Fenelon Falls and Lindsay.

The goal for Bowl for Kids Sake 2000 is \$55,000. The monies raised at this event represents one third of the agency's total operating funds, so the organizers put a tremendous amount of effort into making it a marvelous event for all who participate. "That is why we get so many people returning year after year to bowl," said Cathie Hawery.

In addition to the regular door prizes, is the opportunity for bowlers to earn incentive gifts. All prizes for the event have been donated to Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

If a bowler brings in \$100 in pledges they will receive a Bowl for Kids Sake T-shirt (sponsored by EDI Outsourcing), \$150 in pledges gives the bowler the t-shirt, a Bowl for Kids

Sake Coffee mug, plus a chance to win one of two limited edition nature prints. At the \$200 level, the bowler will also receive a Bowl for Kids Sake sweatshirt in addition to the gifts already mentioned. At \$300, add a gift certificate worth \$50 for dinner for two at Joel's Restaurant in Lindsay. At \$500, add a surprise gift worth a minimum of \$100 and at \$1,000, a framed limited edition print with a minimum value of \$350.

Again this year, the lucky bowler who raises the highest amount in pledges will receive two Canadian Airline Tickets to anywhere in North America, compliments of Canadian Airlines International Employees Charitable Foundation, valued up to \$5000. Last year the prize went to Pat Wakeling, who collected \$1,651 in pledges from 355 contributors.

The individual who collects the second highest amount in pledges will win an A.J. Casson Limited Edition Print entitled *Haliburton*, valued at \$1,000. Third prize is a weekend for two at Wigamog Inn in Haliburton. Fourth prize is a weekend for two at Bonnie View Inn at fifth prize is a two night

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Forcing back the ravages of time

The British artist Francis Bacon once observed: "age will not be defied".

Francis Bacon was seriously out to lunch about that. I wish he were around. I'd take him out to lunch and I'd say "Look around Frank - what do you see?"

What he would see, of course, is millions of humans furiously defying age every which way but up. We defy age with corsets. Mascara. Grecian Formula. Rouge. Anti-wrinkle cream. Bad toupees. We do it with hip transplants. Heart bypasses. Knee replacements. Shiny, new white choppers top and bottom.

And what are face lifts, tummy tucks, breast implants and liposuction but last ditch surgical attempts to fool others into thinking we're younger than we are?

Even as noble an institution as the Royal Bank of Canada is doing its bit to help turn back the biological hands of time. Some perceptive observer at the Royal noticed that we aging Baby Boomers are having trouble with our bills, sales slips and credit card forms. Years ago, we used to just take a look at them, calculate the tip (if any) and pay them off. But now we squint at the scraps of paper, hold them out at arm's length, even turn them upside down.

That's because we can't read the damn things.

Almost everybody's eyesight deteriorates in middle age. It's call presbyopia - or in eye doctor slang - old eyes. A pair of reading glasses would take care of the problem, but aging boomers often resist. They think reading glasses make them look...well, old.

Which is where the Royal Bank's latest marketing gizmo - Visa Gold Lenscard - comes in. It's just like a normal credit card except for one thing: a built-in magnifying glass. This lets customers discreetly check the bill or sales slip without resorting to reading glasses or bifocals.

"We're always looking for ways to add value for our customers" purred a Royal Bank spokesman.

The Visa Gold Lenscard allows a customer to make purchases more quickly, saving valuable time which could be spent....making more purchases on the Lenscard.

But I'm sure the folks at the Royal never even thought of that.

Oh, we get plenty of outside assistance in the ongoing battle against the inevitable. Legions of plastic surgeons are getting rich on us. Not to mention the purveyors of herbs and elixirs, balms and unguents 'guaranteed' to take years off our withering mugs. The question is, how far will we go? The explorer, Ponce de Leon, nearly went mad, searching for the fabled fountain of youth. Oscar Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* is about a young man who virtually sold his soul to stay young.

How far would anybody go to look young forever today? Pretty far, if Hollywood is any indication. The latest Eternal Youth fad in tinseltown is quick, cheap and as near as your friendly neighbourhood private health clinic. Just walk in, plunk your \$99 US on the table and a friendly nurse will jab a needle in your forehead.

It's called the Botox treatment. The injection freezes the muscles of the

upper face, eliminating crows feet and laugh lines. Frown lines? Don't worry about that. The Botox treatment freezes the muscles so completely it is literally impossible to frown.

There is some er--ah, fine print you might want to check out before you offer up your forehead. Number one, the treatment's only temporary. You'll need another 'booster' in anywhere from one to six months. Number Two: you should know that Botox is acronymic medecalese for Botulism Toxin.

That's right. The stuff they will be pumping into your forehead is a kissing cousin to botulism, one of the most virulent poisons on the planet.

As a matter of fact, clients are warned to stay upright at all costs, for at least four hours after the treatment. If you lie down, see, the Botox could get into your bloodstream.

Nobody's exactly sure what would happen after that, but it wouldn't be pretty.

I'd like to be able to tell you that the Botox treatment has been laughed out of town, but the fact is, business is booming. "Every actress over the age of 35 has had the (Botox) treatment" says one movie publicist.

It's sad, but it's human nature, I guess. The wisest thing I ever read on the subject of getting old came from the lips of Satchel Paige, the legendary (and ageless) pitcher for The Cleveland Indians.

Someone asked Paige how old he was. Paige smiled and replied: "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you was?"

Etcetera

Arthur Black

Seen any wild turkeys?

(from page 5)

and white males which delighted many feeder operators, especially in rural areas. Black-capped chickadees were the most common visitors to feeders, while few blue jays remained after millions migrated south in the fall.

A large population of meadow voles encouraged a short-eared owl to remain to hunt in a grassy field in Minden, while an upswing in the population of snowshoe hares may have been responsible for two goshawks being spotted. People in the Miner's Bay, Kinmount, Irondale, Gelert, and Lochlin corridor who put out suet were often rewarded by visiting gray jays.

It would be very interested to hear from the person who had the wild turkey visiting, to see it if it is still coming to his feeder and also from anyone else who has seen wild turkeys in Haliburton County. If you have seen any, please write to Dennis Barry at RR#2 Whitby, L1N 5R5, or email wordwix@lis2000.net.

All in all, the 33rd Christmas Count was a great success, thanks to a co-operative effort by everyone, including "The Weather Man".

December weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average High	0	32
Average Low	-8	17.6
Average for the month	-4	24.8
Average for last December	-6.7	19.9
Highest Temperature (Dec. 5)	11	51.8
Lowest Temperature (Dec. 31)	-27	16.6
Rain	49.2 mm	1.9 in
Snow	31 cm	12.2 in
Total precipitation	80.2 mm	3.1 in
Total precipitation for last Dec.	78 mm	3 in
Snow on ground (Dec. 31)	17 cm	6.6 in
Snow on ground last Dec. 31	19 cm	7.4 in
Total snowfall from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31	36 cm	14 in
Days mostly sunny	7	
Days with snow or rain	16	

December was about the same as the December before. The first half was quite dull and dreary, with no snow. Second half was much colder, but many temperature changes. One day cold, next day mild with snow or rain.

The average temperature was about 2.5°C warmer than last December. The average precipitation was the same as last December. Snow started December 12 and the heaviest snowfall occurred on December 29.

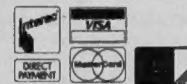
Many of the lakes are frozen over, but the ice is not too thick and not to be depended on. Better check before venturing out on any frozen surface.

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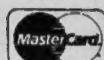
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Red Hawks lose a heartbreaker to St. Pete's

by Jerry Grozelle

It's tough when a hockey team takes a 3-0 lead into the third period and ends up on the short end of a 4-3 score. But that was the bitter pill the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks were forced to swallow when they played host to the St. Peter's Saints of Peterborough Wednesday.

The Red Hawks started the game well, in spite of the fact they were short two defensemen, who had other commitments and were unable to make the game. Haliburton scored three unanswered goals to take a commanding lead.

"The first period was our best period," said coach Ron Yake.

The Hal High defense was further depleted late in the first frame when Andrew Burtch suffered a minor shoulder separation. Yake said it was a clean hit by the Peterborough player. "He was a little off balance and he went into the boards with his shoulder," the coach said. Burtch went off the ice under his own steam, but a trip to the Haliburton Hospital confirmed the shoulder separation and he was unable to return.

With a three-goal lead, Yake moved veteran centre Nick Kulas back on defense. Kulas is currently in second place overall in the league scoring race with 27 points, one behind the leader. He leads the goals department with 21, five more than anyone else in the league.

"Nick is a veteran and a team leader," Yake said, adding that he was a logical choice for the two-way job.

Even though they ran into some penalty problems in the second period, a couple of times fighting off five-on-three situations, the Red Hawks managed to hold the Saints at bay. But the pressure took its toll.



MISSED THE MARK: The St. Peter's goaltender watches as the puck goes by during the third period of Wednesday's Kawartha High School Hockey League game in Haliburton. The Saints came on strong in the third period, overcoming a 3-0 third-period deficit to edge the HHSS Red Hawks 4-3.

The third frame was barely half a minute old when the St. Pete's squad scored a power play goal. That goal seemed to breathe new life into the Saints. They kept chipping away at the Haliburton lead until they tied it up. Then, continuing the momentum, the Saints took the lead with less than four minutes left and hung on for the 4-3 win.

Yake said the momentum shifted with Peterborough's power play goal 30 seconds into the third. "It was a bad one to lose," he admitted.

The Red Hawk snipers were Gaten Davis, from Blaine Saunders;

Saunders, from Davis; and Kulas, from Jarrett Rowden.

The Red Hawks currently occupy a place in the middle of the 11-team league. They are sixth, with a record of three wins, five losses and two ties. The Red Hawks must remain among the top eight teams to make the playoffs and Yake is confident his team has the ability and talent to make the playoffs. He pointed out that all of the five losses were by one or two goals. "We were in every game," he said.

With six games left in the schedule before the playoffs, Yake is hoping the

Red Hawks can gain some ground for a better position when the playoffs roll around.

Snowfest Tournament

The Red Hawks took part in the annual Snowfest Tournament in Peterborough on the weekend. They played three games Friday. With a win over Lakefield College School, a loss to St. Francis Xavier of Toronto and a tie against East Northumberland, the Red Hawks earned a berth in the tournament quarterfinals.

Watch for details of the tournament in next week's issue of The Times.



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Novice A Monarchs win Stirling tournament title

There was no question which was the best team at the Novice Hockey Tournament in Stirling on December 28. The Minden Monarchs Novice A team was a scoring machine that day. In three games, the Monarchs scored 34 goals on the way to the tournament championship, while allowing the opposition a total of four.

The first victim was the Jimmy's Pizza team from Stirling. That 10 a.m. game saw the Monarchs deliver an extra-large blow to the Stirling team's ego, skating to a 14-0 victory.

Minden scored eight goals in the first period, one in the second and five in the third. Robby Hicks was the top marksman for the Monarchs with a hat trick. Derek Carpenter and Matt Eno added two each and singles went to Jared Mills, Todd Simms, Jason Chapman, Brady Hicks, John Murray, Davis Reynolds and Colin Callaghan.

With that win under their belts, the Monarchs had a break until 3 p.m., when they took on a team from Barrie.

Although the Barrie squad did manage to score three goals in that game, it still ended in a lop-sided 11-3 victory for



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS: Minden's Novice A Monarchs were the A Division Champions of the tournament in Sterling on December 28. The Monarchs scored three decisive victories, overwhelming the three opposing teams by a total of 34 goals to four. The championship team included, front row (l to r): Davis Reynolds, Jared Mills, Dean Hutchison, Paddy Manuge, Ryan Smith and Robby Hicks. Middle row (l to r): Brady Hicks, Matt Eno, Colin Callaghan, John Murray and Jason Chapman. Back row (l to r): Assistant trainer Wayne Smith, trainer Mark Eno, Todd Simms, Coach Greg Carpenter, Derek Carpenter and assistant coach Ben Manuge. Absent: Ryan Kerr.

the Minden team.

Minden led 1-0 after the first period and 6-3 after two. Five unanswered goals in the third made it an 11-3 final.

Brady Hicks scored a hat trick for the Monarchs. Eno added a pair and one each went to Robby Hicks, Dean

Hutchison, Mills, Simms, Ryan Smith and Reynolds.

Two consecutive wins advanced the Monarchs to the A Division championship against Millbrook at 7 p.m.

Minden took a 2-0 lead in the first period and led 7-1 after two

frames. A pair of unanswered goals in the third gave the Monarchs the 9-1 victory and the tournament hardware.

Eno and Callaghan notched two goals apiece, with Robby Hicks, Smith, Reynolds, Hutchison and Brady Hicks scoring one each.

Monarchs, Huskies tie 4-4

by Andy Lennox

The Minden Monarchs OMHA Atoms hosted the arch-rival Haliburton Huskies on Thursday night. The teams did not disappoint as they provided rollicking, back and forth entertainment all game long. The Monarchs showed their visitors a good example of their possession and forechecking game, and Haliburton responded with an uncanny knack to generate odd-man rushes and high quality scoring chances.

The first period was the most close checking period of the night, with lots of hard skating and close checking in the neutral zone and along the boards.

Haliburton opened the scoring six minutes into the game. Minden goalie David Muir made a fine chest save on a high wrist shot from the deep slot, but the rebound was then chipped in. However, Minden tied the game two minutes later when Zac Joanu picked the far corner with a low wrist shot from the face-off circle. Assists on that goal went to Adam Googh and Aaron Keaney. Haliburton replied barely 20 seconds later when a wrist shot deflected off a Minden defenders leg and bounced past Muir, who had no chance on the play.

The game opened up in the second period, during which Haliburton held a 12-9 edge in shots. Minden scored three minutes into the period, though, when Sherri Walker made a nifty little pass from the side of the net to Travis Walker in the slot. Travis potted the

easy goal. Kody Smith also picked up an assist on the play.

With the game tied, Muir made a key breakaway save and a nice butterfly toe save before Mike Lennox took over between the pipes. Lennox's first shot unfortunately was a beautifully executed two-on-one from Haliburton, which resulted in a go-ahead goal for the visitors.

Minden tied the game three minutes into the third period when Travis Walker won an offensive zone face-off and got the puck to Smith who deked through numerous Haliburton defenders before scoring on a nice solo effort. With the game tied, Haliburton kept attacking and Mike Lennox turned back a Haliburton breakaway with a sterling stand-up glove save. Minden defenders Justin McKelvey, Matt Clements, Jon Petch and Gavin Hicks skated and hit hard all night to thwart the considerable Haliburton attack.

Haliburton took the lead again on a wrap-around effort with five minutes to go in the game. Mike Lennox then made a key save to keep his team in reach when he dove out well past the hash marks to poke-check a Haliburton attacker swooping in with a step on the nearest Minden defender. The never-say-die Monarchs then potted the tying goal with just under two minutes left when Travis Walker poked in a rebound after a tremendous forechecking effort from he and his linemates Sherri Walker and Kody Smith.

The game ended in a well played 4-4 tie.

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Novice B Monarchs win B Championship

Minden's Novice B Monarchs came home from a tournament in Huntsville on December 28 with the B Division championship hardware.

The Monarchs took on the Huntsville Muskoka Fuels team in their opener. The game proved to be a very exciting contest that took overtime to decide. Minden mounted a strong come-back to force the overtime.

At the end of the first period, the Monarchs found themselves trailing 3-1. Taryn Robins was the Minden sniper, unassisted.

Huntsville increased its lead to 4-1 early in the second period.

Kelsey Pierson scored Minden's second goal, from Matt Robins, then Taryn Robins made it a one-goal game, notching Minden's third marker, unassisted.

With two seconds left in the middle period, Huntsville scored its fifth of the game, restoring a two-goal lead.

The third period featured lots of end-to-end action. Just over two minutes into the third, Daniel Langpohl scored one for Minden, closing the gap to 5-4. Matt Robins assisted. Then, with 3:51 showing on the clock, Matt Robins notched the equalizer. Taryn Robins and Alex Lopez assisted.

The overtime featured five skaters on each team and no goaltenders. Although both teams had some good chances, ringing the puck off the goal posts, it was late in the segment (26 seconds remaining) when Minden's Matt Robins ended the game with the winner. David Markowski and Langpohl assisted.

Logan Brown played his first game in net for the Monarchs.

Game two of the tournament saw the Monarchs tangle with a strong Barrie squad. The Monarchs spent five and a half hours between their first and second games. The rest didn't serve the Minden team well. Matt Robins scored the first of two goals for the Monarchs, assisted by his sister Taryn. Taryn notched the second goal, unassisted.

A shorter wait between the second and third games was more agreeable for the Monarchs, as they took on the Huntsville McDonald's team.

Minden took an early lead when Matt Robins scored in the first minute of the game, from Pierson and Joey Findeis.

The lead lasted until late in the period when Huntsville notched the tying goal.

Minden scored the only goal of the second period. Matt Robins' goal proved to be the game winner since neither team was able to beat the opposing netminder in the third. Taryn Robins and Pierson set up the winning goal.

Alex Lopez was on duty between the Minden pipes for the winning game, helping his team earn the 2-1 win and the B Division championship.

The Novice B Monarchs send out a special thanks to the Pylons, grandparents of Taryn and Matt Robins, for their sponsorship of the Monarchs for the tournament.



B DIVISION CHAMPS: The Minden Monarchs Novice B hockey team was rewarded for its effort at a tournament in Huntsville. Pictured above, sporting their new jerseys donated by Kilcoo Camp, the team gathered for a photo. The team members are, front row (l to r): Daniel Langpohl, Taryn Robins, Matt Robins, Colton Dick, Jordan Dick, Alex Lopez and Joey Findeis. Middle row (l to r): Mitchell Hicks, Logan Brown, Daniel Walker, Katelin Cowan, Tanner Warburton, David Markowski and Kelsey Pierson. Back row (l to r): Pete Walker, coach Paul Walker and Mike Lopez.

Charity hockey tournament coming to Haliburton Arena this weekend

The second annual Haliburton County Builders' Association Charity Hockey Tournament is set for January 14 and 15 at the Dysart Community Centre in Haliburton.

Last year, the tournament featured six teams. It has expanded by two for 2000, with two teams from London, one each from Orangeville, Muskoka and Barrie/Toronto and three from Haliburton County.

The tournament is restricted to representatives of home building businesses. The age range of players is from 17 to 50-plus.

Admission to the tournament is by donation and the proceeds will go to the 4 Cs of Haliburton County.

The first game will get under way at 8 p.m. Friday. The A, B and C Division finals will take place Saturday evening.

The inaugural tournament raised \$800. It is hoped that the 2000 event will surpass that amount.

Since the tournament is family oriented, it is expected to bring more than 100 people into Haliburton County for the weekend.

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Congratulations to Peter Allore who has realized his dream of becoming an Ontario Provincial Police officer. He recently graduated from the Ontario Police Training course in Aylmer and the Provincial Police Training Course in Orillia. Peter, along with his wife, Lisa (nee Carr), and infant son, Dawson, is now posted in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Peter is the son of Hugh and Helen Allore of Minden. His brother, Terrence, is a fourteen-year veteran of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Tischler Woodworking: up from the ashes

Local company providing cabinetry for hospitals and long-term care facilities

For Tischler Woodworking owner Andy Schollig, the challenge of building cabinetry for the new hospitals and long-term care facilities in Minden and Haliburton was not the size of the contract. At \$300,000, the contract with Haliburton Highlands Health Services was the biggest single project his company had ever undertaken.

The challenge that tested his resolve came on March 13 of last year when a fire wiped out his shop on South Lake Road, east of Minden. "We had started the contract on February 1 and had taken delivery of a full load of material. We had been cutting and processing the material when the fire hit." Not only did the blaze wipe out more than a month's worth of work, it took with it all the tools and machinery he and his employees used to build the cabinets. Andy estimates that about 15 to 20% of the work was completed when the fire struck.

Shortly after the embers had cooled, Andy started to pick up the pieces and put his business back together. He found a location in the Haliburton Industrial Park, started purchasing equipment and material and got his staff ready to begin work on the project all over again.

The new workshop opened in mid May and has been a hive of activity

ever since, with two shifts pressed into service at the height of the work last year. In addition to the contract for the hospitals, Tischler Woodworking has many other contracts. Recently Andy was in Toronto finishing the wood work for the new Ontario Teachers Federation office. He is also busy with contracts for private individuals including such work as custom furniture, speciality trim jobs, stairways, kitchen cabinets and any speciality projects involving wood.

Andy has been a resident of Minden for 13 years. He emigrated to Canada from Germany with his family when he was two years of age. After graduating from George Brown College as an architectural drafting technician, he found work as a carpenter and cabinet maker, opening his business here two years ago. 'Tischler' is German for cabinet maker.

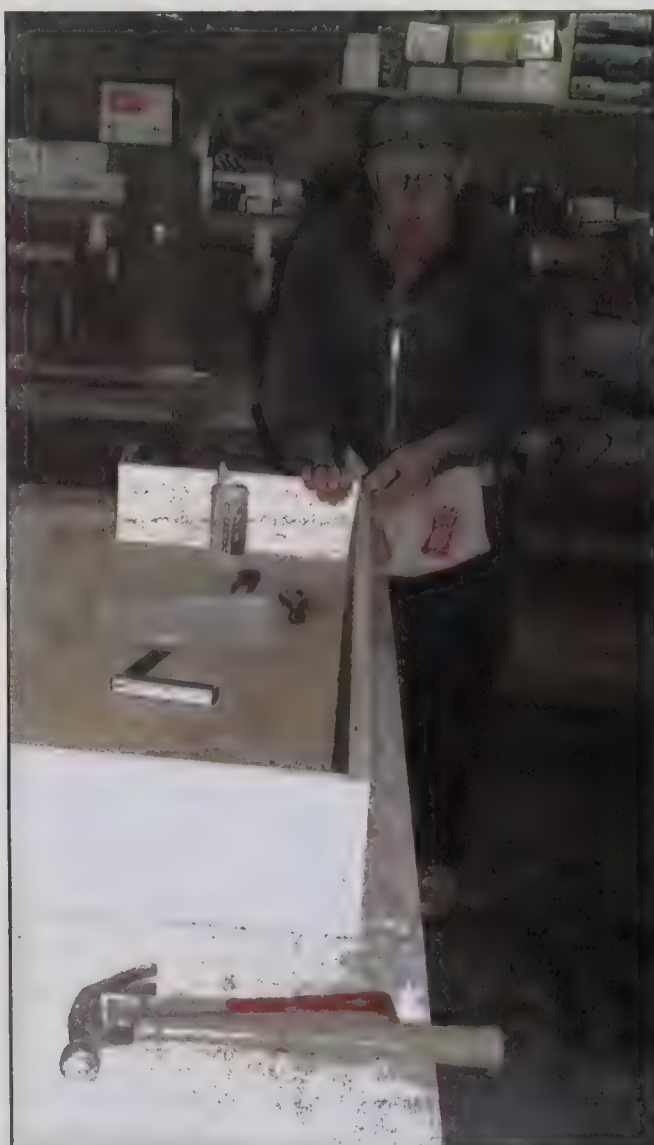
The hospital job loomed large on his schedule last year, particularly with the construction moving ahead at a rapid rate. His company had been hired to provide such items as the main reception and nursing station desks, main foyer display case, storage cabinets, counter tops and window ledges and trim. Fortunately, he was able to deliver the orders on time and continue to satisfy the orders from private customers as well. Through the last half of the year, Andy had six employees working on the various aspects of the hospital order and in the last four months has moved from fabricating the items to installing them in the Haliburton long-term care facility. "We are fortunate that this project is being phased in over a number of stages," Andy said. "We are able to stretch the work out over a longer period."

The Haliburton LTC wing will be the first to open for use. The hospital will move into this new wing on a temporary basis while renovations are carried out to the existing hospital. Most of the construction work is completed and the hospital transfer is expected to take place later this month. Andy and one of his staff were in the building last week completing last minute details while back at the shop, work was continuing on cabinets and shelves for the new Hyland Crest building in Minden and the renovated Haliburton and Minden Hospitals.

The work will carry on through this year as each location reaches a stage where the mill work can be installed. Andy agrees that it has been a busy year, but he is also grateful that his company has been involved in the construction of the hospitals. Despite the challenges of the fire and the delayed start, his company has been able to meet the contract obligations and be a part of the expansion of health care facilities in the county.



Andy Schollig checks the reception desk in the business office of the new hospital in Haliburton. His company, Tischler Woodworking, is providing all the cabinetry in the new health care facilities.



Bob Kellar fabricates another piece back at the shop. The company was forced to find a new location last spring after a fire destroyed its South Lake Road location.



Andy's son, Stephan Schollig, keeps an eye on the fabrication process at Tischler Woodworking as Peter Britton checks a shelf unit at the shop.

New Millennium, new sport?**Start 2000 by trying the sport of curling**

by Sandy Cole

I hope all had the merriest of Christmases ever and are ready to start the new millennium enjoying the sport of curling. Because of the Holidays there is just a little to report. On December 20 the Ladies wrapped up the first schedule with a wild and wonderful fun night that included dress-up curling, wild card games, presents that made you roll with laughter and super snacks (including rockin' rum cake!)

Many thanks go out to Pat Campbell and Irene Alexander who put together such a great wrap up party. Your work was really appreciated.

The results of the Tuesday Night Men's quarter finals held on December 21 are as follows:

Rob Eaton over Jason Scott
Bill Roodenburg over Ted Wilkes
Ross Wray over Paul Prentice
Dwight Thomas over Alf Trotter

The annual men's J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel went off without a hitch as 16 teams vied for the top spot. The men enjoyed two games, and a wonderful roast beef dinner to top off the day.

When the dust settled and the points were added up, the Ted Wilkes team came out the winner, followed by the Mike Whitmarsh and Gord Wood teams.

Many thanks go out to Warren Payne who put the day together, Joyce Broersma and helpers for the excellent meal and the Jackson family members who came to watch the competition and present the trophies to the winners.

Maurice Boyd rolls 271**Legion 636 Mixed League**
(December 20)

High average: Fred Knight 185; Leitha Kuchalema 169

High single: Fred Knight 243; Elli Langpohl 198

High single (handicap): Pat Scadden 281; Norma Douglas 263

High triple: Fred Knight 592; Elli Langpohl 505

High triple (handicap): Pat Scadden 707; Elli Langpohl 694

Legion 636 Mixed League
(January 3)

High average: Fred Knight 184; Leitha Kuchalema 170

High single: Wally Oakley 223; Pat Roussel 220

High single (handicap): Wally Oakley 294; Pat Roussel 285

High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 528; Norma Douglas 564

High triple (handicap): Pat Scadden 692; Norma Douglas 771

Monday Night Mixed League
(January 3)

High average: Scott Moore 236; Michelle Moore 211

High single: Al Clement 230; Teresa Clement 198

High single (POA): Darren Cole +41; June Philip +29

High triple: Al Clement 656; Michelle Moore 603

High triple (POA): Al Clement +41; Tracy Cole +49

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League
(January 6)

High average: Ray Lymer 199; Helen Dentinger 167

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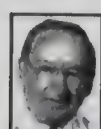
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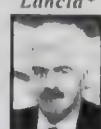
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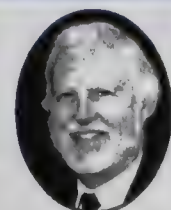
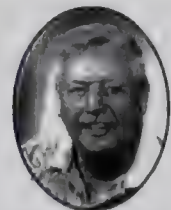
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SECOND PLACE: Shirley Hie and her partner Brad Mickie were the second place winners at the YBC/Seniors Bowling Tournament. Brad was unavailable for the photo. The first place team was also unavailable for a photo.

Parkes, Mickie duo wins YBC/Senior Bowling Tournament

The sixth annual YBC/Senior (55 and over) Bowling Tournament was held at the County Bowling Centre in Minden recently. This was the first time all 33 Youth Bowling Council members participated. Each YBC Bowler is paired with a Senior, according to averages and the duo bowls as a team. The team with the best average score for three games wins.

First place in this year's event went to the twosome of Georgina Parkes of the Legion 636 Mixed League and Jeff Mickie of the YBC Junior league. They recorded a 754 triple.

Second went to the

team of Shirley Hie of the Thursday Night Mixed League and Brad Mickie of the YBC Junior League with a 647 triple.

Walter Franke of the Tuesday Night Mixed League and Robert Stevens of the YBC Senior League placed a close third with 638.

Right on their heels was the team of Ivy Bolton and Kelly Berry with 637.

County Bowling Centre sends out its congratulations to everyone who participated in this fun-filled tournament. Good luck to Georgina Parkes and Jeff Mickie, who will return next year to defend their title.



THIRD PLACE: Walter Stegmaier (left) presents the third place plaques from the YBC/Senior Bowling Tournament to Robert Stevens and Walter Franke.

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'Ski Guy' waxes poetic for wood-to-fibreglass ski convert

One of the great mysteries of skiing is waxing, and so I was reminded of this when a friend who has insisted on using nothing but wooden skis recently wrote:

"Dear Ski Guy, I have finally succumbed to the fibreglass heresy, and bought a pair of fibreglass skis to go with my back-country boots and bindings. I am hoping you will offer some detailed advice on waxing fibreglass skis. I seem to recall you using an iron, glide waxes, etc. So far I am not impressed (much more slip-page than with my old wood skis) and wonder what I am doing wrong?" Signed, Coming Out of the Woods"

Dear Coming Out: You will grow to appreciate the extra (and easy) glide. Woodies feel nice and can be great for wax durability in crusty conditions, but they are dog slow.

On every pair of skis there is a grip zone that differs according to a skier's weight. It should not be in firm contact with the snow until you transfer weight as you begin to push with one foot so the other can step forward. At that point in time all your weight goes onto your pushing ski and you can step forward with your other (recovery) foot because the wax pocket gets pushed down hard onto the snow. There are two elements that you need to put together to get good push

(I don't call it "kick" because you actually push down and back at the same time — or you should). Element one is technique. Element two is appropriate wax.

Regarding technique, I've

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

already said it: complete weight transfer to the pushing ski is absolutely critical. Wood skis are slow and forgiving, so they tend to encourage sloppy technique and incomplete weight transfer. If you've got wax that is in the right temperature range for fresh snow and you slip, then the problem is probably incomplete weight transfer — it is the problem in 90 per cent of the cases. Wood ski users tend to have a very erect posture over their skis, and this leads to slippage. Think of yourself as falling forward and catching yourself with your recovering glide ski just a fraction of a second before you fall flat on your face. Lean forward over your glide ski as far as you can go, and go

a bit further — you'll find that this position really lets the ski glide. Your new mantra: lean forward, weight transfer, lean forward, weight transfer, glide, glide, glide.

Regarding wax, just read the label to find the correct wax for the temperature. Put on about three layers and cork it smooth between applying layers. It should feel fairly smooth to the touch. Take it off by scraping whatever you can scrape and use a citrus wax remover. You can put a warmer wax over a cold one as the temperature rises over the course of a day or a week.

Regarding where to put the wax, it goes in the grip zone. The front is about 15-30 centimetres ahead of your binding. You don't need any grip wax outside this zone.

Don't worry too much about glide wax for now. It is good to give your bases glide wax, but it is not of critical importance. With an iron, you hot wax glide wax into the base anywhere you do not normally use grip wax. Scrape thin with a plastic glide wax scraper.

Those are the basics, and they're not much different from wood ski basics. It won't take long for you to get a feel for your new skis, but it is an adjustment, especially as it regards technique. Careful, though, you'll find yourself going faster than ever before! Wahooooooooooooooooooooo!

Carnarvon Bowling Leagues

Bob Webb rolls 289

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League

High average: Ken Thompson 224; Josie Cheesman 173
High single: Bob Webb 289; Anne Manning 242
High single (handicap): Bob Webb 322; Anne Manning 290
High triple: Ken Thompson 679; Anne Manning 672
High triple (handicap): Bob Webb 753; Anne Manning 816

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed League

High average: Ken Thompson 238; Marie Thompson 188
High single: John Whitty 227; Marie Thompson 208
High single (handicap): Bill Trapp 277; Carol Snow 259
High triple: Ken Thompson 583; Marie Thompson 588
High triple (handicap): Bill Trapp 704; Jacque Chamberlain 694

Aaron Hie rolls 275

(from page 13)

High single: Maurice Boyd 271; Grace Chapman 226
High single (handicap): Maurice Boyd 309; Grace Chapman 279
High triple: Ray Lymer 645; Edith Alzner 539
High triple (handicap): Maurice Boyd 749; Marg Albers 756

Thursday Night Mixed League

(December 18)

High average: Walt Stegmaier 229; Michelle Moore 215
High single: Aaron Hie 275; Michelle Moore 269
High single (handicap): Aaron Hie 317; Sue Titus 295
High triple: Scott Moore 726; Michelle Moore 726
High triple (handicap): Scott Moore 756; Michelle Moore 756

Bowling for kids sake

(from page 7)

mid-week stay for two at PineStone Golf and Conference Centre.

The team that brings in the highest amount of combined pledges will be presented with the President's trophy and each member of the team will receive a framed limited edition print, valued at \$300, compliments of Rockwood Forest Nurseries.

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Through the agency's newly introduced In-School mentoring programs, 48 children are now being mentored for one hour per week at their school by caring adults and/or senior high school students.

If you would like to participate in this year's event, bit either bowling or making a donation, please call Donna Lee, the Minden bowl for kids sake co-ordinator at 454-1239 or by fax at 454-9895 or contact Carol Gorrill at 324-6800 or fax 324-8000 or email at bbsvsh@aol.com.



Property owners deny access to parts of ski trails

This edition of Nordic Notes arrived too late for last week's edition of The Times, so a shortened version is presented here for our cross-country ski enthusiasts.

Despite a late start, winter served up enough snow for trails to open just after Christmas. Wes Lytle, the chief groomer for the Nordic Trails system, got the groomer fired up and he was aided by elves Darlington and Armstrong so that skiers were enjoying great skiing on little snow before New Year's Eve. Well done, gentlemen! Call 754-2351 if you need to get your season's pass.

I've noticed two benefits of the fine Jackrabbit program

that Jane Heyes works hard to organize. First, I've noticed some great young skiers who learned to ski as Jackrabbits. Some are now regional champions, and some will soon be on the podium. Secondly, I've noticed some families who began skiing together because of the Jackrabbit program, so consider setting an example for your children by getting out and skiing while they learn the fundamentals.

On a sadder note, two property have refused to let skiers use the trails crossing their property, so this means that the Jim Beef Trail and 10k cut will not be available this season. Hopefully these trails can be opened and put to use again.

The ski business has grown considerably since trails were first opened in Glebe Park in 1976, and it is now a significant cultural and economic force in the area. We are reliant on the co-operation of land-owners and we do appreciate those who continue to allow us access to their property for the trails.

All in all, the ski pass you buy is still a great deal. If you don't have yours yet, then call 754-2351 to get the details.

CLOSED: Avid skiers Bob Heyes, Mike Darlington and Margaret Brogden (l to r) are seen at the site of one of the trails that has been closed.



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Fun and games for Halls Lake celebration

submitted by Thelda McGuire

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Gales of laughter, shouts of joy, jumps for glee, smiles a plenty as young and old from the Halls Lake community and some friends joined together to bring in the new year 2000.

Karen and John Guyatt and Darlene Lawson kept the many young and old busy with games and adventures outside. Meanwhile, Susie Kegel kept the adults guessing and chuckling inside. But the real fun started when young and old joined forces and shared the various challenges put before them.



Sandy and Dennis pass the Lifesaver above, while Ronald French and Carter Stevens are about to call it a wrap, below.

Carter Stevens surely has his captive Ronald French bound snugly as was Leo Huisman gagged and bound! Ed Dykstra sure had dancing feet in the balloon bash.

The statement that two straight paths seldom meet, was proven as many Lifesavers hit the floor. But champions Sandy and Dennis managed to do it.

Joe Kegel's Midnight message inspired all the guests and we all went home tired, contented from the great fellowship shared and tummies full and satisfied after devouring the delicious and plentiful pot luck buffet.

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Lots of activity at Minden Legion Branch 636



by Cub Coneybeare

Bonjour.

By the time this column appears, January will be almost half over. So far, (touch wood), this fall and winter have been outstanding weather-wise. However, it's not much fun for the skiers, snowmobilers and the ice fishermen. Don't worry people. It's far from over yet.

We have a couple of big Legion thanks to hand out to some hard working people:

• Firstly to the organizers and the dedicated

tions Snuff. His winning ticket number was 666.

• Bev Johnson's Big Buck Euchre was on January 9. The next one will be on February 6 at noon. Cards start at 1 p.m. and lunch is available at a cost of \$10.

A busy place

John Lennard's art classes are going each Monday at 10 a.m. and cribbage is each Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Euchre is flourishing on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Also Thurs-

Shirley Kirk: We need more volunteers in the kitchen. Cleaning help and bartenders are urgently needed, (Smart Serve required).

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During the height of World War II, Tom volunteered for military service. He had such an aptitude for aviation, he was exempted from boot camp and sent directly to Pensacola. The first day on base he soloed. Within a week he was given his wings and assigned to an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

On his first morning aboard, he took off and shot down six Japanese Zeros. That afternoon he spotted 10 more planes and shot those down too.

Noticing his fuel was getting low, he descended, circled the carrier and landed perfectly. He threw back the canopy, climbed out and jogged over to the captain. Saluting smartly, he said, "Well sir, how did I do on my first day?"

"Just one little screw-up, Yankee."

After two weeks of suspicion, the jealous wife fired her maid. But before leaving, the attractive employee bragged. "Your husband told me I'm a better cook than

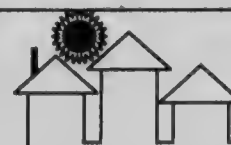
you are." The wife just shrugged. The maid then added, "I'm also better in bed."

"My husband told you that?" the startled woman asked.

"No," the maid replied. "The mailman did."

Okay, that's it for this time. Everyone have a happy and healthy year 2000, and many more.

Thanks a lot, Cub.



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Service Clubs

by Alan (Cub) Coneybeare

participants for the November 11, Two Minute Wave of Silence in reverence of the men and women who fought for their beloved Canada, so that we could live in peace.

• Secondly, thanks to the people involved in our very successful New Year's Eve Party at the branch. A special thanks to the people who donated spot dance and door prizes. Also to all that came out and made it a special millennium bash.

• Thelma Lee spearheaded a draw for \$1000, which was won by a gentleman who goes by the names of Lloyd-Dale-King or Snuffy McKnight. Congratula-

days are Ladies Darts at 2:30 p.m.

Our meat draws are being held every Wednesday at noon.

The next Trivia Night is scheduled for January 19 at 7:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a fun evening.

Please remember our next general meeting is back on Wednesday, March first at 7:30 p.m. And on January 29, there's the Auxiliary cribbage competition in Omamee.

Kitchen volunteers needed

A plea from Comrade

PEEL - NORMAN VICTOR

Died peacefully at the King Nursing Home, Bolton, Ont., January 2, 2000, in his 92nd year. Born Oct. 10, 1908, eldest son of William Norman Peel and Sarah Elizabeth (Hoskin) Peel.

Victor lived most of his life on the family farm at Norland, and in later years on the Harrison farm at Minden. He was well known as a beekeeper, and with his beloved wife, Alma, sold honey and flowers for many years around Norland, Minden and Haliburton. His gentle nature and unassuming ways set him apart and people were genuinely fond of him.

Victor was predeceased by his wife, Alma Harrison, his sister Merle Campbell, and his two brothers, Lawrence and Raymond. He is survived by his sisters-in-law Elsie McPhail of Minden, and Margaret Peel of Bolton, and brother-in-law Alan Harrison of Minden. He was a much loved uncle to nieces Shirley Sampson of Norland, Karen Cooke of Bright's Grove, Valerie Bullock and Vivian Morrison of Bolton and nephew Ronald Peel of Peterborough, Grant and Glen Campbell of Lindsay, and Alan Campbell of Carrying Place, Ont. 'Uncle Vic' will also be missed by fourteen great nieces and great nephews.

Resting at the Coboconk Community Funeral Parlour from Tuesday evening January 4. Funeral service of remembrance was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5 at the Pioneer Baptist Church at Norland, with Rev. Ross Fogwell officiating. Interment to take place at the Pinegrove cemetery at Norland.

HARRY MAXWELL COWEN

June 16th, 1912 to December 10th, 1999

Just over 87 years and for all us who have had the pleasure to know Harry - just not long enough!

On the other hand, even a brief meeting or encounter with Harry would be considered an honour and a joy!

We have been blessed with having Harry involved in all of our lives and in many cases Harry was a true friend to both our parents and in turn to ourselves.

It seems an over-used cliché to say a funeral is a celebration of a life. But when we think of Harry and how he has helped and influenced each of us - we must take this time right now to celebrate.

We must celebrate how Harry has touched each of our individual lives and more importantly, our community. Any tears today are as much tears of joy and laughter as they are tears of sorrow and sadness as we each in our way recall Harry's life.

Our community was Harry's extended family and his goal was the betterment of that community. He was involved in all aspects of the community and certainly has achieved his goal which was recognized only in part by receiving in 1984 a Township of Anson, Hindon and Minden Heritage Award.

From a Charter member of the Minden Rotary Club in 1947, President in 1964 - 1965, and being instrumental in establishing the Rotary Park on the Gull River, at one time or another we have all enjoyed this Park and in some cases I expect we have used it as a "jumping off" spot to collect golf balls.

From his involvement with the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch starting in June 1956 until just recently in September 1999 receiving the Royal Canadian Legion Certificate of Appreciation. Just take a moment here ... For Example, Harry was on the Legion Car Draw Committee from 1959 to 1976; on the Poppy Committee from 1957 to 1976; on the Bingo Committee from 1957 to 1976 even up until the last year or so he called Bingo at the Staunworth Apartments. Harry also looked after the Legion Veterans' Welfare in the Minden area for a number of years.

Now when I say Harry was "on the Committee", he was not just on the Committee he worked at it and I understand that if you were "on the Committee" with Harry, you worked at it because he certainly established the standard of hard work by example.

It may be even safe to say that everyone in the Church today purchased a car ticket, boat ticket or a poppy from Harry!

When Harry worked as manager at the Liquor Store, he would have these tickets in his shirt pocket. As soon as you came through the door as you were making your selection, Harry would have your ticket filled out and by the time you got to the cash register you sometimes had to "down scale" your selection because you did not have enough money and you knew you were going to purchase a ticket for sure - that was a given - the rest was optional as far as Harry was concerned.

We also remember Harry for his direct involvement with the "kids" of the community - with the generous gift of his time, energy and money.

Rink Manager, Minden Monarchs hockey coach, baseball manager, umpire and lastly, but certainly not the least, chauffeur.

You see, Harry had a car and according to Claude Brown you would polish Harry's car and then he would be more than willing to take a group to the evening's dance at Hall's Lake, Golden Slipper or back to Harry's roots in Carnarvon. I think Harry may have been one of the first persons to start the concept of a car pool. I am sure that both Claude knew and Harry knew his car was going to the dance regardless - polished or not.

Then time would pass and Harry still had a new car and now became the chauffeur of the next generation - Bunt's kids, Claude and Marg's kids, the Morgan "kids" - away we went with Harry - pony rides in Carnarvon, hockey and ball games, fishing excursions, card games at Boshkung Lake, bowling and trips to Manchester just to mention a few. Harry seems to have been the first version of "Driving Miss Daisy". Baseball was a passion for Harry - both locally and on the professional level when the only games were on the radio and according to Edna Morgan, Harry would babysit the kids and while the kids slept contentedly in the car, Harry listened to the game on the car radio.

The Blue Jays however quickly became Harry's team, although to use Harry's words, he was disgusted with their pitchers from time to time. Ray, Harry fondly remembered the trip to the Skydome and the Queen's Plate, although the ticket prices were somewhat inflated from the \$.90 for a "Grey" ticket at the Maple Leaf Gardens when Harry had previously taken a carload to a Leaf's game.

After serving part-time duty as a babysitter, Harry continued to influence a number of the same young people of the community by providing summer employment at the Liquor store. Again by example Harry set a standard of hard work and honesty. If you did not take your full lunch hour, Harry would mention it to you and your only response would be to say - "Harry you came back early as well to help out."

There was a disadvantage however with Harry's total involvement in the lives of the young people of Minden and community. He knew your date of birth and I am sure the profits of the Kinmount Liquor Store increased accordingly.

Taking into consideration Harry's service to the community and service during his career at the Liquor Store to the general public, I find it interesting that when the store moved to its present location and became self-service outlet - it was time for retirement. I do not know if Harry had concerns with accepting change or just was uncomfortable in not being able to provide what he considered the same level of personal service.

Harry's later years were enriched when he had the fortunate opportunity to meet a "gal", Jean from Ingoldsby. Harry now had a loving partner to share his life with and to experience trips with their friends to Florida, Cape Cod, Quebec and Scotland.



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Residents ring in the New Year

New Year's greetings from all of us here. We're sure you're back to your regular schedules now that the holidays are behind us. Things are beginning to quiet down now, but we sure had some good times.

Our last Birthday Tea of 1999 was lovely thanks to our hosts the members of the Minden Legion, to whom we send our thanks. The following day (New Year's Eve) The Grandfathers were here to help us ring in the New Year and we thoroughly enjoyed our get-together and certainly appreciated them being with us.

Our New Year's dinner was a great success. It was chosen by us at our December meeting of the Diners Club. We tucked into delicious corned beef and cabbage and for dessert plum pudding and/or raisin pie. Special thanks must go to our dietary staff for making everything so lovely. We were pleased to have John Burgess visit with us over the New Year.

On Monday, January 3 a group of us joined Linda for a New Year's quiz all about the last century and the changes we have seen, some for the better and some not. This was a lot of fun. We welcomed Reverend Wicks along with his wife to our Tuesday morning Chapel.

Christmas: a feast for the eyes and the table

(Intended for January 3)

Greetings one and all. Well the Christmas rush is over and we are slowly getting back to normal. Everyone had a wonderful holiday with family visits and lots of events going on.

Last Thursday was a celebration of Walter and Vera Stevens sixtieth wedding anniversary and to make this day extra special we were joined by "Checkers the Clown", who entertained children and adults with her zany antics and brought laughter to all. We are sure Walter and Vera's son-in-law Peter will remember his part in this day! Walter and Vera would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making their celebration such a happy one. The dietary staff provided a lovely array of goodies and punch and Jacqueline, their daughter, brought in two enormous cakes in honour of this special day. Once again thank you everyone for your part in this day.

The Christmas Party as usual was a big hit with the residents with the Grandfathers entertaining us, we had such a festive time with Christmas carols, eggnog and again a wide variety of delicious treats. Later on we were joined by Santa, and three of his elves who were busy dancing between tables and giving our gifts to everyone. Thank you to all who made this day a joyous one.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, with wine and Christmas pudding. What a treat and were we full! The tables were set up with beautiful Christmas centrepieces and placemats that some of the residents had made in crafts as well as favours for all of the tables. Special thanks to the dietary staff for their hard work preparing this special meal for us.

Over the holidays, it was fairly quiet as quite a few of the residents went home for the holidays and quite a few family members came in to enjoy Christmas dinner with their loved ones.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our December birthday residents a very Happy Birthday. Louise Bishop celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday with members of her family. Happy birthday Louise.

On Tuesday morning, chapel service was given by Janet, as our pastor was unable to make it. Nancy stayed to help us sing the hymns, a job well done by both girls. In the afternoon, residents were busy doing crafts, for our annual Valentine dinner. This may seem a tad early, but not so. There are many preparations done for this special dinner and there is no time like the present to start.

Last night the Norland Hillbillies were here to entertain us at our Pub Night. It was good to have them back again, as they had been under the weather recently. We enjoyed the music and were pleased to see Sadie joining in. This afternoon the Martha group is scheduled to host our Tea Party. We'll have to tell you about this next week.

We send belated birthday wishes to Elisabeth Ackerblade whose birthday was January 2nd. It was good to see her son from Oshawa here to help her celebrate. Birthday greetings also go to

Lillian Harrison who celebrates on January 7th.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Rod Henderson on January 4th, 2000, our sympathy to his family and friends.

Continued get well wishes to Joan Kernohan. We sure miss you Joan. Take care of yourself and we are looking forward to having you visit with us once more.

A warm welcome goes to Fredrick "Ted" Madill, our newest resident.

Guess that's all the news. Have a good week and we will talk with you again in a few days.

Wednesday we enjoyed the movie, "Freddy the Freeloader's Christmas Dinner". We munched on popcorn and drank soda pop. This movie sure took us down memory lane.

Our event program with the Norland Hillbillies was cancelled due to illness. We wish them a speedy get well and look forward to their return visit.

Today is our birthday tea, hosted by the Minden Legion, and once again Happy Birthday to our birthday residents and we shall tell you all about it in next week's column (above).

Tomorrow is the great New Year's Bash with the

Grandfathers coming in to celebrate with us, we plan on having a great time and a few of the residents have already thought of a few New Year's resolutions they are going to make.

All the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for their generosity and thoughtfulness in providing us with pizza over the holidays. This is very much appreciated and our sincere thanks to you.

The residents and staff would like to thank the lady who came in just before Christmas and donated numerous Christmas centrepieces. They are absolutely beautiful with a wide variety of teddy bears perched on a sleigh, full of presents. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. What a wonderful gesture. They are the talk of the home and very much enjoyed by all.

Before we sign off, the residents would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all those involved in making the holiday season so special and to wish the staff, residents, and families a very happy and healthy new year.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF MEETING

The County of Haliburton will be hosting a series of public workshops over the next few months in order to gather broad public input towards policies and guidelines to be included in the County Official Plan. The preliminary workshops will focus on resource extraction, environment and settlement patterns.

Public participation in this process is encouraged. The first workshop of the series will take place **Friday, January 14th, 2000 at 1:00 p.m.** at the County Council Chambers and will look at **Resource Extraction** issues.

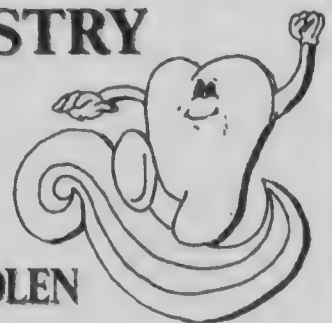
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(File No. SRA-98-12)

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Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and
Minden to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining
landowner, a portion of the original allowance for road,
in front of Part of Lot 28, Concession 7, Township of
Minden, County of Haliburton.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section
300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended,
that the Council of the Corporation of the Townships of
Anson, Hindon and Minden proposes to consider, and if
deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held
in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario, on February 10th, 2000 at the hour of
10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those
parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

A portion of the original allowance for road, along the
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The plan of survey is available for inspection in the
Municipal Office, at Minden, Ontario during regular
office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before
passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the
time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then
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be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who
applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden, this
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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@aibn.com>)

We made it!!

I have wanted to type that for a long time. I knew we would, but you never know for sure!!

I did give in a little and bought some water, candles and matches, so now I can be occasionally romantic with the candles!! The night, or more correctly the day building up to the new year was fascinating as I watched it on the CBC. Around the world we saw the first dawn, all the different cultures responding to this important event, even if their culture celebrated in different ways for different reasons. It did feel like we are a global village. We have accomplished a lot in two thousand years: all the music; the dance; the words; the thought; the feeling; the understanding; the knowledge; everything we know so far!! What a privilege to be alive on this planet. I felt it all and wept many tears.

In the evening, Luba Goy of The Canadian Air Force said she had been watching all day too and weeping because of the beauty of our life on earth. It was good to hear her say that, sharing my feelings.

Our celebrations in North America looked the least steeped in a heritage, least aware of our past, more involved in the present, the hype and the glamour, but we are growing too. I am sure the older cultures acted like we do way back when. Interestingly, as we moved around the sun that day, as the earth does every day, we followed the path from the older to the younger and then around again to start another day.

There was so much beauty in that first sunrise as witnessed by that ancient culture and by all of us on the first morning of the year 2000!!!

Christmas almost got lost in all that drama. I hope you all had a good one. Mine was good, even though some family members had the flu. Luckily I have avoided it so far and my fingers are crossed because I hear it is nasty. Christmas is a stressful time though and it sometimes feels good to have it over!!

Life has returned to normal, whatever that means, or as normal as it can be in all this strange weather, rain in the morning, frigid temperatures in the evening; but the 'day to day' is back in our new century and millennium. As we live our 'day to day' I certainly concur with Jack Brezina and his thoughts in his editorial. We need to live with optimism but also with a sense of where we come from, with responsibility to our earth and each other, and to enjoy this glorious life here. Let's give it all we can!!

So Minden, here we are. I hope you continue to share your events through this column. Have your items and announcements in to me by Wednesday afternoon each week for the follow-

ing Monday column.

There are scores to catch up with this week plus our first scores for 2000.

SCORING NEWS

Duplicate Bridge scores from Home Support on December 15: Dennis Baker and Nick Lehoczy were first with 61%. Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher were second with 56% followed by Reet Murray and Mike Collins, third, with 50%.

Euchre at the Legion on December 16: Gala Stamp and Murray Daniels had most lone hands. Georgina Parkes and Marcel Roussel were the high scorers. Marie Dennie and Harvey Bunker were the lows. Other prizes were won by Helen Skelding, Verna McDonald, Tod Edgson and Jim Bradbury.

Euchre at the Friendship Club on December 20: Ken Rowden and Ellen Holden won high score. Gladys Wruth won lone hands and Isabel Cherwenka took the low score.

Senior's Bid Euchre at the Legion on December 21: The winners were Sharon Evans, Marcel Roussel, Helen Henderson and Ida Young. Isabel Cherwenka found the hidden score and Ruth Kellett won the one and only moonshot.

Euchre at Gelert on December 21: Bob Vick won lone hands. Joyce Schellenberg and Betty Hicks were high and low woman respectively. Don Hicks and Hazel Benetin did the same in the men's category. Audrey Vick won the 50/50 draw.

Euchre at the Legion on December 23: Flo Roussel and Marcel Roussel won the high scores. Pat Roussel and Marie Dennie won the lone hands and Elva Paisley, Gala Stamp and Helen Skelding won the other prizes.

The final scores from 1999 also come from the Minden Legion Euchre played on December 30. Vivian Anderson and Pat Roussel won most

lone hands. Elva Paisley and Gala Stamp took the high scores. Charmaine Laker and Ryan Sluyters were lows. Kevin Maloney and Helen Skelding won the other prizes.

So: 1999 is all played out and recorded!!

On to the tables of 2000 !!

The first scores of the century come in from Club 35 as a result of Euchre played on January 3, 2000. Bill Jordan won the 50/50 draw. Paul Thompson won lone hands. Hilda Murrell and John MacGillivray (hi, John!!) took the high scores and Marilyn Teljeur and Bill Jordan took the lows. Wally Harpur won the first Baloney of 2000!!

Cribbage was also played on January 3 at the Minden Legion. Joe Rivers and Marj Alder were the winners with Carol Hill and Kim McCabe winning the draws.

Stanhope Contract Bridge was cancelled on January 4 because of all that ice on the road.

The Seniors at the Minden Legion made it though for Bid Euchre on January 4: so much for the difference between in and out of town, north and south. Len Kroes, Verna McDonald, Pearl Cowen and Ida Young were the

top scorers. Lois Adamson found the hidden score and no moonshots were won that day.

Over at Lochlin on January 4, back in the saddle again playing Euchre, Isabel Saunders won lone hands. Audrey Vick and Reta Crofts won high and low for the women. Hazel Benetin and Gerald Hicks did the same for the men. Reta Crofts went on to win the 50/50 draw!

Then on January 5, at Parklane, playing Duplicate Bridge, Ross Davies and Stella McMillan came first with 66%. Nick Lehoczy and Pat Hannah were in second with 62% followed by Vera Carnochan and Mayme Douglas in third with 56%.

The final scores for the first week back come from Stanhope on January 5, where they played Bid Euchre on their usual evening. Marion Farr, Bob McConnell and Don Burch each won a Moonshot. The highest scorers were Marion Farr with 246, Gala Stamp, 251, Marj Hamilton, 257. Ken Wallace, 285 and Peter Farr with a whopping 301!!

So we are back: rarin' to go again; meeting and greeting; having fun; getting things accomplished; living our lives in this particular County Town!!

See you here next week!!

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Join us for a slide show and talk by Don Smith on "Haliburton's Natural Attractions: Animals, Plants and Scenery" on Wednesday, January 19, 2000 Haliburton Highlands Museum at 7:30 p.m. 1B

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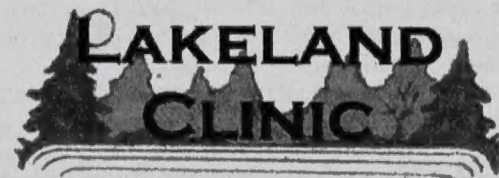
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Dear friends and neighbours: Max grows stronger every day, our enduring thanks for your generous kindness, thoughts and prayers. Especially: Blood Bank and Trauma Staff and Surgeons of Sunnybrook Hospital, Monty and Beulah Robson and family, The Hanthorns, Roome Family, Hollows Family, Jean Neville Family, Verna, Kim & Stan Russell, Shirley Kuni, Bonnie & Greg Roe, Jean & Stan Farrell, Karen, Peter, Alexis & Aurora, Marie & Russell Baker, Lochlin United Church, Andy Hughes, The Donnerys, John & Sheri Marren & Willow, George & Michelle Farrell, The Marks, Peter Jennings, Sunny Sally Moore, Jim & Deb Miller, The Lumleys, Bill & Dan Douglas, Brenda & Bart, Tammy & Mark, Ron Little, Irene, Julian & Lynn Fahr, Bathe Family, Al Paquette, Mervin & Ruby Gilbert, Sue & Bill Little, Betty Verhoveny, Craig & Amy Mann, Bobbie & Walt Griffin, Tony Aymong and Carol Moffatt and all our Kinmount Friends. Thank you everyone.

*Max, Jen, Louise,
Norm & Endres.*

The Gray Family, Bryan, Lucy and Lisa, wish to thank the Minden Fire Department, my wonderful sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Jim Garbutt and their children; Roger and Elizabeth Hutchinson and Nancy and Russ Hutchinson of Carnarvon, West Guilford Baptist Church, Minden United Church, our neighbours, the Hamiltons and the Whites for their care and concern for us and especially Lisa. Special thanks to Steve Hutchinson, Dawn Mole and my nephew Jay Garbutt for their constant support for Lisa. Unlike Lisa, Bryan and I come to Minden only on weekends, but will be retiring to Minden this summer after rebuilding a new home. We hope then to have the opportunity to give back to the community, which has so graciously given to us. We appreciated all of the phone calls and visits. **Thank you so much.**

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(File No. SRA-99-04)

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the original allowance for road, in front of Part of Lot 10, Concession 5, Township of Minden, County of Haliburton.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on February 10th, 2000 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

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The plan of survey is available for inspection in the Municipal Office, at Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

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AT REST

DEWEY, Dorothy

At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, January 2, 2000 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late William Dewey. Loving mother of Shirley (Ken Gill) of Gooderham, Ray (Joanne) of Georgia, Donald (Elaine) of Oshawa, Diana (Gerald Smith) of Haliburton. Oremae (John Manek) of Winnipeg, Judie (Dean Beyak) of Markham, Gail (Steve Kelly) of Bowmanville, Perry of Cobourg and Mac (Tracey) of Elliott Lake. Fondly remembered by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear sister of Evelyn Prescott of Carleton Place, Hazel Armstrong of Lindsay, Minerva Bonham of Peterborough. Predeceased by her daughter Yvonne and sons Clarence, Douglas and Tye and her sister Normal Mitchell and brothers Milton and Albert. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, January 3, 2000 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, January 4, 2000 at 11 o'clock. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



AT REST

PEEL, Victor

At King Nursing Home, Bolton, on Sunday, January 2, 2000 in his 92nd year. Loving son of the late William Norman Peel and the late Sarah Elizabeth (Hoskin). Beloved husband of the late Alma Harrison. Lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brothers Lawrence and Raymond and his sister Merle Campbell. Friends were invited to call at the Coboconk Community Funeral Home, Cameron Street (on Hwy #35) in Coboconk (705) 454-3913 on Tuesday evening, January 4, 2000 from 7-9 p.m. Then to Pioneer Baptist Church, Hwy #35, Norland on Wednesday afternoon, January 5, 2000 from 1 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 2 o'clock. Spring interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Gideons International, Candian Bible Society, or Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland, would be appreciated by the family.

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